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Ships Undergoing Repair:

1. The Russian minesweepers [redacted], plus two others [redacted] 25X1
2. The FEOLANT
3. The REFRIGERATOR.
4. The submarine depot ship [redacted] is now officially determined in the yard that this vessel will be handed over to the Russians upon the completion of the refitting. The stern section has been fitted into position and is canted below the horizontal. The angle of cant is such that the aftermost section of the ship appears to be some 50 cm below the horizontal at the waterline. It is not known whether this "sag" is the result of faulty workmanship, or so intended by design. The ship will have to be re-docked at a later date to fit the propeller shafts which are not yet in position. The official completion date is set at November 1953. The main difficulty being experienced is in connection with the main engines. These were dismantled and sent for overhaul to an East German firm located very near the West German border. As a result of the recently instituted security zone along the border, this firm had to close down and the engines [redacted] were shipped elsewhere for completion. Special security precautions are in force on board the vessel, and German workmen have been issued extra identity cards which must be shown in order to board her. These identity cards are made out for different sections of the ship, and holders of the cards are forbidden to enter compartments other than those authorized by the card. 25X1
5. An unidentified naval craft, probably of German origin, arrived at the yard [redacted] The vessel, which is similar to a torpedo recovery craft, is about 70 meters long, and has one funnel. A high mast is mounted forward of the funnel with a lower mast aft of it. [redacted] 25X1

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6. [] a salvaged German naval craft was towed into the yard by a Russian tug. The vessel is about 100 meters long and is without funnel or mast.

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7. A craft similar in outline to, but slightly longer than the T-Class minesweepers

New Construction

8. Freighter [] carried out trials [] and ultimately left the yard fully loaded. She returned later in the month, however, for further repairs, and finally departed [] This vessel now carries the name KOLOMNA.

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9. Freighter [] now called the KALUGA, is due to depart

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12. Salvage vessels (Hebeschiffe) [] are still in the process of construction. These twin-screwed craft are fitted with two boilers. Three of the vessels are at present on the building slip.

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13. The lugger building program has been terminated for some weeks.

14. [] yard personnel first began to hear reference to a "special ship", due to be built in 1953. [] the keel plates of a ship, now known by the name of DRACHE, were laid down on No. 1 building slip. [] as far as can be judged from the keel, it will be about 90 meters long. The project is being treated as "secret". It is known that the vessel will be powered by diesel motors. The expression "Ship X" was at one time used in the yard with reference to a special shipbuilding contract, but it is not as yet clear whether the DRACHE is, in fact, the ship "X" originally referred to. The official responsible for the technological aspects of the DRACHE's construction is a certain Hans Bauer.

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1. Comment: [] DRACHE is the code name for the type of craft classified as motor ship (Motorschiff), weighing 1500 tons, and destined for the Seepolizei.

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